

**BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 8, 2002

Members present: Allen, Baskin, Flamang, Foster, Weil
Associate members present: Davis, Smith, Velie

November 13, 2001 meeting minutes were approved.
November 20, 2001 meeting minutes were approved with minor modifications.

Old Business

1. McLean Land Management Committee. Ellen O'Brien Cushman, chair of the McLean Land Management Committee (LMC), reviewed the history and position of representation on the LMC. The Conservation Commission has one seat on the committee. She emphasized the importance of Conservation Commission participation on the LMC. The committee wants Conservation Commission assistance, especially during review of, and prior to the adoption, of the Conservation Restriction. Currently, the LMC is addressing issues on the Conservation Restriction related to: 1) Land manager discretion, 2) bicycle access, 3) utilities crossings, and 4) language problems (i.e. "and/or").

Ruth Foster, currently a member of the LMC, stressed the importance of creating a Conservation Restriction that will work for hundreds of years. She read some of the portion of the Conservation Restriction text that she felt need revision to make it more flexible and protective of the town. According to Foster, Attachments B-1 and B-2 are available for review and now is the time to make changes to the document. There was a discussion about how to deliver comments from the Conservation Commission to the LMC. The Commission agreed that we should deliver a consolidated report to the LMC. Glenn Clancy also emphasized that importance of the Conservation Commission's role on the LMC and encouraged Commission participation.

2. Rock Meadow. R. Foster passed out a map of the meadow. The Commission discussed the needs for mowing and funding for mowing. Dante Muzzioli mows half of the parcel each year. R. Foster reported that Anne Paulsen observed a bobcat, owned by Muzzioli and contracted by the town, get stuck in a hole and disturb a small area of the meadow. Ms. Paulsen spoke to the operator and asked that the cutting be stopped. Lloyd Allen will call Ms. Paulsen to apologize. Next, Foster raised the issue of designating an area for off-leash dog running. Ms. Cushman suggested that the Commission develop a management plan to determine uses and solve land use conflicts at Rock Meadow. A subcommittee, including members Flamang, Foster, King, and Baskin, was formed to work on the plan.

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Baskin